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"I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life."—Jesus

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## Late—An Explanation

The paper is one day late this week, and the quarterlies will not be ready on the day previously announced, tho they will be ready in time for use on the day when needed. We had hoped to be ready to mail Saturday, June 18, but this we can not do and we offer the following explanation :

Sometime in May we ordered paper for the Quarterly to be delivered at Ashland not later than June 4. On June 7, the forms for the Quarterly were ready for the press, but the paper did not arrive until Monday June 13. During this entire week these forms were idle. We were helpless for without the paper we could do nothing. We ask our readers to place the responsibility where it properly belongs, on the paper company. They accepted our order and agreed to have the paper here on the day mentioned, and we had a right to expect the paper according to promise. We have made requisition for rebate on this lot of paper and we shall demand it, but this does not help our readers any, nor does it give them the paper on time. The delay has completely disarranged our plans in the office and it will be at least two weeks before we can again "catch up." You may expect the paper late next week also. We are pushing the work on the Quarterly just as rapidly as possible, and hope to be able to fill all orders on hand or that may yet come in, between June 20 and 25.

Beginning with next week all the departments in the EVANGELIST will again appear in their regular order. As stated in the last issue of the paper, our extra work on the Quarterly made it impossible to give the necessary time to these several departments of the paper, and if these two numbers are not up to the standard, you will understand why it is. We trust this explanation will be satisfactory to our readers. These delays are an annoyance to us—to all in the office, as well as to our customers, but there are times when they are unavoidable, and this is one of them.

## A Stern Indictment

The presiding judge of one of the Chicago courts said to an "Inter-Ocean" interviewer: "You may ransack the pigeon holes all over the city and country, and look over such annual reports as are made up, but they will not tell half the truth. Not only are the saloons of Chicago responsible for the cost of the police force, the fifteen justice courts, the bridewell, but also the criminal courts, the county jail, a great portion of Joliet state prison, the long murder trials, the coroner's

office, the morgue, the poorhouse, the reform schools, the madhouse. Go anywhere you please, and you will find almost invariably that whisky is at the root of the evil. The gambling-houses of the city, and the bad houses of the city, are the direct outgrowth of the boon companions of drink. Of all the prostitutes of Chicago, the downfall of almost every one can be traced to drunkenness on the part of their parents or husbands, or drunkenness on their own part. Of all the boys in the reform school at Pontiac, and in the various reformatories about the city, ninety-five per cent. are the children of parents who died thro drink, or became criminals thro the same cause. Of the insane or demented cases disposed of here in the court every Thursday, a moderate estimate is that ninety per cent. are caused by alcohol. I saw estimated the other day that there were ten thousand destitute boys in Chicago who are not confined at all, but are running at large. I think that is a small estimate. Men are sent to jail for drunkenness, and what becomes of their families? The county agent and poorhouse provide for some. It is a direct expense to the community. Generally speaking, these families go to destruction. The boys turn out thieves, and the girls and the mothers generally resort to the slums. The sandbaggers, murderers and thugs generally of today, who are prosecuted in the police courts and criminal courts, are the sons of men who fell victims of drink. The percentage in this case is fully sixty-five per cent.

"I know whereof I speak: 'This saloon,' 'that saloon,' 'the other saloon'—saloons, saloons, saloons, saloons—figured constantly and universally in the anarchist trials. Conspirators met in saloons; dynamite was discussed in saloons; bombs were distributed over saloons; armed revolutionists were drilled above, under or in rear of saloons; treason made assignation in saloons, and time and again witnesses say 'We went to such and such a saloon for wine and beer.' There is not a country under the sun in which lurks so much treason, revolution and murder, as in the saloons of the United States, and notably in larger cities. These saloon pests harbor thieves, thugs, house-breakers, anarchists, robbers and murderers. Nine-tenth of the lawbreaking of America is hatched in saloons, and the admitted fact is palliated by the axiom that saloons are headquarters for town, city, and even national gerrymandering. The liquor counter is the scaffold on which a half-hundred beautiful, vital American things are assassinated, on which scores of horrid plagues are glorified."—*The Inter Ocean*.